

The Daily Charge



Operation Iraqi Freedom II "Telling the First Team's Story"

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► Paul Bremer Visits the First Team and 1st Armored Division



Maj. Gen. Peter Chiarelli, 1st Cavalry Division commanding general, confers with Ambassador L. Paul Bremer, administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq, and Maj. Gen. Martin Dempsey, 1st Armored Division commanding general. The 1st Cav. Div. will assume duties from the 1st Armored Division April 15, and will cover the Baghdad area.

By Spc. Andy Miller, 122nd MPAD

4th Brigade Takes Control

By Spc. Jan Critchfield
122nd MPAD

Responsibility for the aerial support of Coalition forces in the Baghdad region was passed today in a ceremony conducted at Baghdad International Airport. The 1st Cavalry Division's aviation assets relieved the 1st Armored Division's 4th Brigade (Aviation)—known as the Iron Eagles—who have been based at the airport since June of last year.

"It's been a busy and, I think, a very successful year," said Col. Dyfied Harris, 4th Brigade Commander for the 1st Armored Division. "We flew over 28,000 hours [and] over

6,000 aerial combat missions. The Soldiers have done great and I couldn't be prouder."

The toughest challenges for the Iron Eagles, according to Harris, were adapting to a desert environment and the exhausting tempo of working in a combat zone.

"We were flying at four times the op tempo of what we fly back in the rear, you have to learn to pace yourself so you have something left," said Harris.

Harris' pride in his soldiers' accomplishments was obvious: "My biggest goal was that we do this professionally, we endure, that we finish our mission, and we all go home," Harris said, "They [the Iron

Eagles] have proven themselves to be called combat veterans."

The experience gained by the Iron Eagles over the last year helped to formulate the training that the cavalry Soldiers underwent before hitting the ground in Iraq. The training included, in addition to extensive combat preparations, cultural awareness classes to enable the cavalry Soldiers to show the Iraqi people the respect they deserve while helping them toward sovereignty.

"The goal of the brigade," said Col. Jim McConville, 4th Brigade (Aviation) commander for the 1st Cavalry Division,

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By Spc. Jan Critchfield, 122nd MPAD

1st Cavalry Division 4th Brigade commander Col. Jim McConville uncovers the unit colors at a ceremony at Baghdad International Airport yesterday.

The Daily Charge :What to Expect

Welcome to *The Daily Charge* - a daily electronic publication produced six days a week (Monday-Saturday) by the 1st Cavalry Division's Public Affairs Office.

I am Sgt. Susan German from the 122nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, an Army National Guard unit located in Tacoma, Wash. We were mobilized Jan. 3, 2004.

The mission of *The Daily*

From the Editor

Charge staff is to tell the story of the First Team and to provide hometown news to Soldiers while they are in Iraq. We look forward to keeping you informed about what is going on both here as well as back in the states.

In addition to providing a daily e-publication, the Public Affairs Office will also be publishing a bi-monthly publica-

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tion called *Cav Country*. The first edition of this print publication will hit the streets no later than April 30, 2004.

The Daily Charge will present news and feature articles on First Team Soldiers. You can expect to see messages from the First Team command staff, to include Maj. Gen. Pete Chiarelli and Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Hernandez.

Our "On the Home Front" section will include news from

the central Texas region, as well as hometown news for our reserve component Soldiers. Other regular features will be sports scores, standings and what's on TV each night.

The Daily Charge will be published on the 1st Cav. Div. website, so tell your family and friends to check out www.hood.army.mil/1stcav/div/.

We encourage your letters to the editor. Letters must be signed but your name may be withheld from publication upon request.

We are always looking for new and interesting ideas for stories. If you have an idea or story suggestion please send it to Master Sgt. Dave Larsen, public affairs supervisor, at david.j.larsen@us.army.mil.

Contact us!

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By Spc. Jan Critchfield, 122nd MPAD

1st Armored Division and 1st Cavalry Division Aviation Brigade colors salute the national anthem at a ceremony marking the transfer of authority between the brigades on Friday, April 2, at the Baghdad International Airport.

4th Brigade Takes Over Baghdad Skies

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"was to make sure my Soldiers were prepared to conduct combat operations. I feel very confident in my Soldiers."

The sound of a helicopter is a regular experience on Baghdad International Airport, where the Iron Eagles provided around-the-clock security with OH-58 "Kiowa Warriors." "Our mission will be similar to the Armored Division's," said

McConville. That mission will include close air support, ground ambulance evacuations, as well as providing security for Soldiers living in and around Baghdad.

"We're very well resourced, we're very well trained, and I don't see any problems with accomplishing the mission," said McConville. "This is a just cause, something needs to be done, and we're the unit to get it done."

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COL James McConville
4BDE Commander



Cav. Soldier, Mom Serve Together at Camp Victory

By Pfc. Alma Barrus
122nd MPAD

For most Soldiers serving in Iraq, the only contact they have with their families is to write letters and e-mails or go to the phone center.

One lucky Soldier in the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, had the rare opportunity to see his mother in person at Camp Victory, Baghdad.

"I was told I would be working out of the Baghdad International Airport, and later I found out that I would be staying at Camp Victory," said Department of the Army Civilian Sheila Lowell, working for the Army Materiel Command. "And, I said I think I know someone who's there."



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Sgt. Matthew Lowell, 545th Military Police Company, 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, and his mother, Department of the Army Civilian Sheila Lowell, served together at Camp Victory.

She is also the mother of Sgt. Matthew Lowell, 2nd Platoon, 545th Military Police Company.

"AMC said they needed

help with accountability for the contractors when I was at Fort Monmouth, N.J., and I volunteered to go and eventually got here," she said.

"I love the military life wherever I go ... and being able to see my son is a true blessing," said Mrs. Lowell.

"We're still not sure if she is staying here with BIAP closing down ... but the chances that we would even run into each other over here is pretty slim, and we're thankful for it," said Sgt. Lowell.

Military service is an integral part of the Lowell family. Mrs. Lowell grew up as an "Army Brat" and served in the Army 30 years ago. Her husband, Bill Lowell, retired in 1988 after serving 22 years in the Army. He worked in Kuwait as a DA civilian in March 2003.

BLORA Fishing Derby Hooks Kids on Fun

► From The Fort Hood Sentinel

Parents looking for something positive to do with their children need not leave post.

Each month this spring and summer, the Belton Lake Outdoor Recreational Area will sponsor fishing derbies for children throughout the spring and summer. March 13 was the third Fishing Derby of the year.

"We had a very large turnout this time, 62 children fished today, Roosevelt Turner, coordinator of the event said.

The fishing event has been part of BLORA for more than 10 years now.

"We try to go to every one we can," Pamela Jones, mother

of five, said. Jones, with her husband Staff Sgt. Joseph Jones, brought their children Joseph Jr., Jillian, Jaylyn, Joella, and Jkyia to Saturday's event.

"We bait the dock before each Fishing Derby to make sure the kids catch something," Turner said.

"Within each age group, there is a first, second and third prize for whomever catches the biggest fish," Turner said. "We have good prizes for the winners."

The winners get prizes such as free time on boat rentals or fishing poles.

"We got tickets to ride a boat for free for four hours," said Major Heggs, a contestant



Major Heggs (Right) shows his brother Samuel how to properly remove a hook from a fish's mouth.

in the past derby.

The Derbies take place on Saturday mornings from 7-10 a.m.

"In case of rain it still goes

on because we fish from an enclosed facility, which holds about 100 people," Turner said.

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